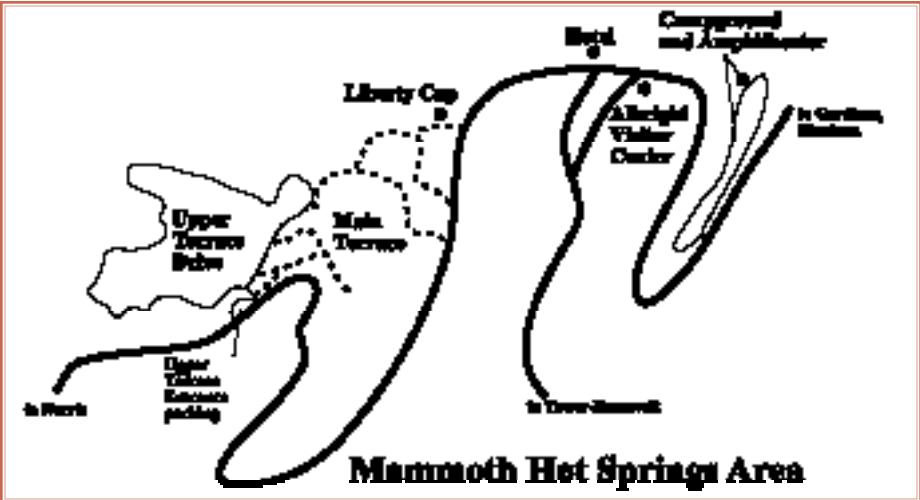


September Walks & Talks & Programs

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Mammoth Hot Springs

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces—Walk Explore Yellowstone’s colorful geologic past and present through the rainbow hues of Mammoth Hot Springs. Learn how these dynamic terraces of travertine are unique among the park’s thermal basins. Meet at the Upper Terrace Drive entrance parking lot, 2 miles south of Mammoth Village. ⌚ <i>1–1/2 hours</i>	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30	4 PM 9/4–9/30
Mammoth Daily Special—Talk Sample some of Yellowstone’s wonders at this half-hour ranger talk. A different topic is served up daily, featuring wildlife, geology or history. Meet the ranger on the lawn outside the Albright Visitor Center, or on the front porch if it is raining. ⌚ <i>20–30 minutes</i>	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30
Mammoth Evening Program Enjoy an illustrated slide program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground Amphitheater. ⌚ <i>1 hour</i>	8:30 PM 9/4–9/30	8:30 PM 9/4–9/30	8:30 PM 9/4–9/30		8:30 PM 9/4–9/30	8:30 PM 9/4–9/30	

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Albright Visitor Center: Daily, year-round. 9 AM–6 PM through September. Information, bookstore, and exhibits on wildlife, early history, exploration, and establishment of the park. Films on the national park idea and artist Thomas Moran are shown throughout the day. Call 307-344-2263.

Norris

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Norris Geyser Basin Walk Norris is the hottest, most dynamic and oldest geyser basin in the park. Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land of hot springs, geysers, steam vents and other oddities. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Bring water, sunglasses, and curiosity. <i>1–1/2 hours</i>	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30	10:30 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/30
Norris Geyser Basin Talk Join a park ranger for this short talk on the fascinating thermal features of Norris Geyser basin. Check at the museum for a description of each day’s talk. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. ⌚ <i>20 minutes</i>	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30	2:30 PM 9/4–9/30

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Norris Geyser Basin Museum: Daily through October 8, 10 AM–5 PM. Information, bookstore and exhibits on the geothermal features of Yellowstone. Call 307-344-2812.

Museum of the National Park Ranger, Norris: Daily through September 30, 9 AM–5 PM. Exhibits at historic soldier station trace development of the park ranger profession; video shown. Chat with former National Park Service employees who volunteer at the museum.

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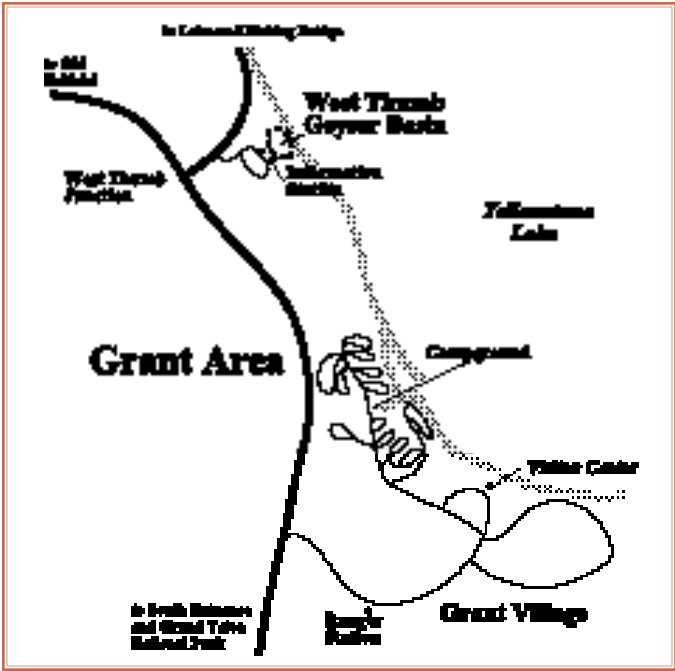
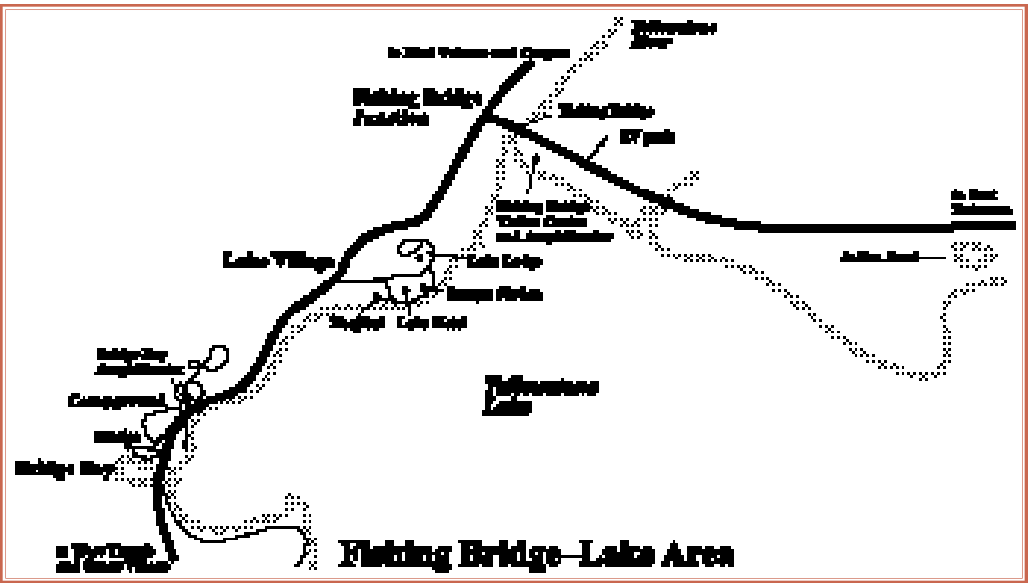
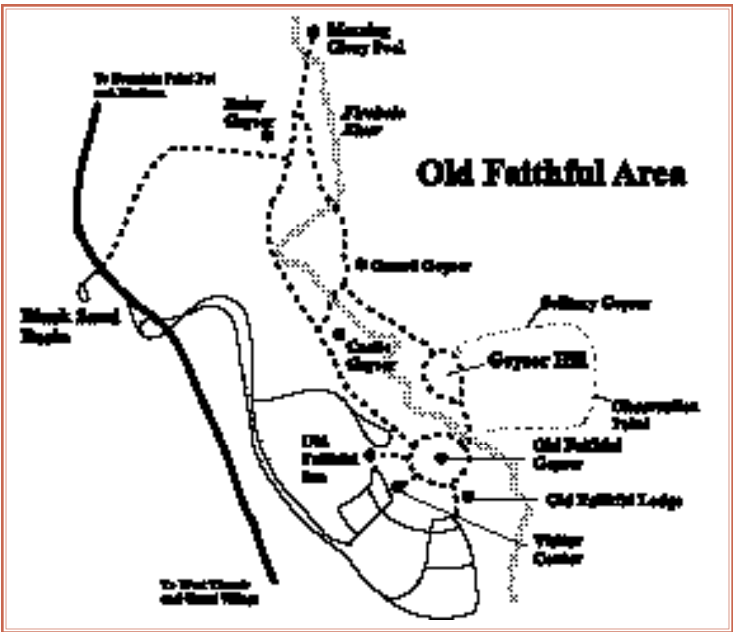
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Old Faithful

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geyser Hill Walk Join a ranger while walking amidst the greatest concentration of geysers on earth. This mile and a quarter walk meets on the geyser side of Old Faithful Visitor Center. ♿ with assistance <i>1–1/2 hours</i>	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30	10 AM 9/4–9/30
Fountain Paint Pot Walk From mudpots, to geysers, hot springs and fumaroles, Fountain Paint Pot has all four thermal features found in Yellowstone. Join a ranger on this 1/2–mile walk to learn more about the geothermal features of Yellowstone. Meet at the entrance to Fountain Paint Pot Boardwalk, adjacent to parking lot, which is 8 miles north of Old Faithful. <i>1 hour</i>	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30	2 PM 9/4–9/30
Old Faithful Evening Program Enjoy a narrated program about Yellowstone’s cultural and or natural history. Check the bulletin board in the Visitor Center for tonight’s topic or call 307-545-2750. Meet the park ranger in the Old Faithful Visitor Center Auditorium. ♿ <i>45 minutes</i>	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30	7:30 PM 9/4–9/30

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Old Faithful Visitor Center: Daily September 4 through September 30, 8 AM–6 PM. Information, bookstore, and geyser eruption predictions. Films on hydrothermal features and thermophiles are shown throughout the day. Call 307-545-2750.



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Lake/Fishing Bridge

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Yellowstone Lake Reflections Walk Yellowstone Lake offers evidence of the powerful forces that continue to shape the face of Yellowstone National Park. Walk through meadow, forest, and along the lakeshore to learn more about the largest lake at high elevation in North America. Meet the park ranger at Indian Pond, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. <i>2 hours</i>	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30	11 AM 9/4-9/30
Mud Volcano Exploration Walk Early explorers described the Mud Volcano area as “the greatest marvel we have yet met with.” Find out what these intriguing mudpots have to tell us about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet the park ranger at Mud Volcano parking area. <i>2 hours</i>	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30	1 PM 9/4-9/30
Cutthroat Encounter: Fisheries Management in Yellowstone People often wonder why no fishing is allowed from the “Fishing Bridge.” The answer to this question tells of some of the greatest disasters and the greatest triumphs of fisheries management in Yellowstone. Observe cutthroat trout from this famous bridge and learn about the current challenges they face. Meet the park ranger on the west side of Fishing Bridge for this short talk. <i>⌚ 20 minutes</i>	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30	2 PM 9/4-9/30
Fishing Bridge Evening Program Learn more about Yellowstone at this evening slide program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for daily program titles and descriptions. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater. <i>⌚ 45 minutes</i>	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22	8:30 PM 9/4-9/22
Bridge Bay Evening Program Gather around the campfire for a slide program on an interesting aspect of Yellowstone. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for daily program titles and descriptions. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater. <i>45 minutes</i>	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15	8:30 PM 9/4-9/15

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Fishing Bridge Visitor Center: Daily through September 30, 9 AM–6 PM. Information, bookstore, and exhibits on the park’s birds and other wildlife. Call 307-242-2450.

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Canyon

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Walking the Canyon Rim Words can hardly convey the startling beauty of the Yellowstone River, its Grand Canyon and spectacular waterfalls. Explore the geology and natural history behind the scenery. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point). <i>1–1/2 hours</i>	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30	3 PM 9/4-9/30
The Yellowstone Canyon Talk From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s geology and history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join the park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. <i>⌚ 20–30 minutes</i> *10 AM talk geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age.	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30	10 AM* 11 AM 3 PM 4 PM 9/4-9/30
Canyon Evening Program Join a park ranger for the evening to learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. *Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater. <i>⌚ 45 minutes</i> *Weather and snow levels permitting.	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30	8:30 PM 9/4-9/30

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Canyon Visitor Center: Daily 8 AM–7 PM, through September 30. Information, bison exhibit, and bookstore. Call 307-242-2550.

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Madison & West Yellowstone

Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Madison Evening Program Each night a park ranger will present a slide program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. ⚡ <i>45 minutes</i>	8 PM 9/4–9/30		8 PM 9/4–9/30			8 PM 9/4–9/30	8 PM 9/4–9/30
Explore Yellowstone! Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in West Yellowstone, MT (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ⚡ <i>20–30 minutes</i>	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30	9:30 AM 9/4–9/30

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Madison Information Station: Daily through October 8, 9 AM–5 PM. Information and bookstore. Call 307-344-2821.
West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, Public Lands Desk: Daily 8 AM–4 PM, through November 4. Information and entrance passes. Call 406-646-4403.

Grant Village

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Program Descriptions	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lakeshore Geologic Exploration Explore the origins of azure hot pools, belching mudpots, glittering geysers, and the area’s explosive geologic past. Watch for bison, eagles, and osprey as you stroll through this dynamic geyser basin on the shores of Yellowstone Lake. Meet the park ranger near the West Thumb Geyser Basin Information Station. ⚡ with assistance <i>1–1/2 hours</i>	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29	10 AM 2 PM 9/4–9/29

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Grant Visitor Center: Daily through September 30, 9 AM–6 PM. Information, bookstore, exhibits, video on the role of fire in Yellowstone. Call 307-242-2650.

OTHER ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS IN THE PARK

Yellowstone National Park Lodges

Bridge Bay Scenicruiser Rides

June 2–September 16
One-hour narrated cruises depart Bridge Bay Marina throughout the day for tours on the northern part of Yellowstone Lake. Enjoy views of the Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel, and Stevenson Island. A guide on board provides interpretation for this spectacular area. Adult \$9; child (2–11) \$5

Bridge Bay Guided Fishing Trips

June 15–Sept 9
Guides at Bridge Bay Marina tailor a trip to suit your interests.
22 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1–6 people): \$55/hour; 34 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1–6 people): \$72/hour.
Rental rowboats, outboards, and dock slips are also available at Bridge Bay.

Early Morning Photo Safari

June 1–Sept. 30
Old Faithful Inn, Tues.–Sat.
Lake Hotel, Thurs.–Mon.
Adult \$37.50; Child (12–16) \$22

Tour of Historic Old Faithful Inn

May 12–Oct. 13, daily; 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM
Meet at the fireplace in the Old Faithful Inn Lobby for this 45 minute tour. Free.

TOURS BY MOTORCOACH

Circle of Fire: From Bridge Bay Campground, Lake Hotel, Fishing Bridge RV Park, Canyon. Adult \$34; Child (12–16) \$ 16

Washburn Expedition: From Bridge Bay Campground, Lake Hotel, Fishing Bridge RV Park: Adult \$32; Child (12–16) \$16. From Canyon: Adult \$26; Child (12–16) \$14

Yellowstone In a Day: From Mammoth Hot Springs: Adult \$36; Child (12–16) \$18. From Gardiner: Adult \$38; Child (12–16) \$18.

Hayden Valley Twilight Tour: From Canyon: Adult \$13; Child (12–16) \$7.50

Yellowstone Association Institute

At tend a Yellowstone Association Institute course and get an inside look at Yellowstone’s natural and cultural history.

The Institute is a nonprofit field school operated in partnership with the National Park Service. Its purpose is to provide in-depth educational programs for Yellowstone visitors. All courses feature expert instruction, small class size, and plenty of time outdoors.

Courses are based at the Institute’s Lamar Buffalo Ranch field campus, at historic park hotels, and in the park’s 2.2 million acres of wilderness. At the field campus, students stay in cozy log cabins overlooking the magnificent Lamar Valley, a haven for wolves and other wildlife.

Among the fall and winter offerings are courses on fire management, fly-fishing, horsepacking, sea kayaking, mammal tracking, backpacking, photography, beavers, wilderness first aid, natural history for families, snowshoe-

ing, winter ecology, avalanche safety, cross-country skiing, and wolves.

The Institute also offers a series of winter “Lodging and Learning” packages in cooperation with Yellowstone National Park Lodges. Participants in these programs enjoy the best of both worlds. During the day, they explore the park with a fun and knowledgeable naturalist from the Institute. In the evening, they return to excellent meals, comfortable accommodations, and entertaining evening programs at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

To register for a course or request a free catalog, please call the Institute registrar at 307-344-2294. Complete information is also available at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.